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For: EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE AND METHOD OF ACCESSING SAME

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The document JP A-7-14392 shows a similar one to in Adachi and Watanabe in prior submitted IDS, which show multiplexed transfer of address/data to a memory. The documents US patent 5,812,814 and JP A-7-152503 shows periperals using a SCSI or IDE interface, which seems to be the same category as an apparatus shown in FIG. 21 of the above application. These documents do not disclose or suggest storage devices, methods and apparatus as recited in claims of the above application and prior applications.

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Respectfully submitted,

Signature: Tadahiko Hisano

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